

the St. Vincent DePaul Charity, and the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. Joe also volunteers at the soup kitchen, and is a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean war. He retired a few years ago, after a career as an officer for the Lima Police Department and the Chief Investigator for the Allen County Prosecutor.

For all their contributions to others and to the Lima community, the legacy of this great couple is their family. Joe and Pat raised 12 children, 11 boys and 1 girl. Mr. Speaker, the lesson of raising such a family on a cop's salary is one that the folks on the Budget Committee should learn from.

Joe and Pat's accomplishments are measured by the values they instilled in their 12 kids, their spouses, and their 22 grandchildren.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize this strong American family. I join the Garlock's family and friends in wishing them a very happy anniversary and many more years of good health and happiness.

IN HONOR OF THE ST.
STANISLAUS DAD'S CLUB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the St. Stanislaus Dad's Club, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary of service to the St. Stanislaus Parish, the St. Stanislaus Grade School, and the St. Stanislaus Parish Community.

Over its 50 years, the St. Stanislaus Dad's Club has generously donated its time and resources to projects ranging from partially subsidizing a teachers salary shortage at the St. Stanislaus Grade School to renovating a 1,400-pipe organ found in the parish cathedral. In addition, the St. Stanislaus Dad's Club regularly donates items of need to St. Stanislaus Grade School, sponsors the Boy Scouts and local youth athletic teams, helps maintain community buildings and supports other parish and community organizations.

The St. Stanislaus Dad's Club has helped literally thousands of young people in the greater Cleveland metropolitan area. The club has done great work over the years, and I am very grateful for its immeasurable contributions to the community.

The St. Stanislaus Dad's Club plans to celebrate their anniversary on September 14, 1997, by attending mass and hosting a commemorative banquet.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in praising the St. Stanislaus Dad's Club for 50 years of distinguished service

TRIBUTE TO THE VISALIA RESCUE
MISSION

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Visalia Rescue Mission. The support and guidance of this organi-

zation provides hope for homeless men, women, and children who would otherwise feel abandoned.

Beginning in 1980, the Visalia Rescue Mission has served the needs of the homeless throughout California's Tulare County. What distinguishes this nonprofit organization from others is its desire to move these individuals beyond mere survival in today's society and provide them with the resources necessary to become productive and respected members of their community.

The Visalia Rescue Mission conducts two major programs. The STEP [Spiritual Training Education Program] Program begins by submitting men to a 14–30 day probationary program where they are nourished, detoxified, clothed, exercised, and introduced to spiritual guidance. Once these basic needs are met, the men enter into a 6-month 12-step program where the main focus is on both spiritual training and obtaining job referrals. Finally, a 1-year reentry program supports the men in their efforts to find housing and hold jobs. Along with the men's STEP Program, the Visalia Rescue Mission runs a Family Center which provides for the necessary needs of families, women, and children. The Family Center provides Christian spiritual leadership, anger management, parenting classes, referrals to employment training, and jobs. Finally, it provides leads for low-cost housing.

Over the years the Visalia Rescue Mission has performed invaluable services to those less fortunate in our society. Through programs like STEP and the Family Center, many individuals are directed into new lives filled with hope, success, and spiritual satisfaction. Things many of these individuals have never experienced before.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to the Visalia Rescue Mission. This organization provides a hope for many homeless men, women, and children. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the Visalia Rescue Mission many more years of gratifying success in aiding the homeless.

HAPPY 25TH BAY MEDICAL
CENTER

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, access to quality primary and emergency health care is a great need for all Americans. The people of the Bay City community have had the good fortune to have enjoyed the professional care offered by Bay Medical Center for the past 25 years. As the center celebrates its 25th anniversary, I want to share with our colleagues some of the great accomplishments of this most impressive and needed facility.

Bay Medical Center came about as a result of the merger between Mercy Hospital and General Hospital in 1972. This merger was needed to bring these two facilities into a better position to provide the quality health care that people deserve. Under the leadership of Ralph Powell, chairman of the board, the merger successfully went forward, resulting in the 1974 construction of a state-of-the-art facility that provides vital care for thousands of patients today. This facility was due to the ag-

gressive campaign that brought together hospital employees, small businesses, corporations, and individual donors who all wanted to ensure quality health care for the future.

Today, patients receive the most modern care possible at the facility, when appropriate, and receive high-quality outpatient care that previously was provided only to patients in the facility. The merger that started the center in 1972 was followed by mergers with Samaritan Hospital in 1980, and Bay Osteopathic Hospital in 1988. Under the lead organization of Bay Health Systems, Bay Medical Center joined with Bay Health Care, Bay Medical Services, Bay Medical Foundation, Bay Medical Education, and Bay Special Care in providing a broad and effective blend of services. A new alliance with MidMichigan Regional Medical Center will further increase efficiencies and promote an even stronger array of health care services for people of the region.

Bay Medical Center has succeeded because it has been blessed with a large number of doctors, nurses, medical technicians, physician assistants, administrators, and a support staff that cares about the work that they all do each and every day. Its board members, who serve without compensation, have truly committed themselves to the center's mission statement of providing compassionate, high-quality, and cost-effective health care, which maintains and improves the health status of the communities it serves.

On this 25th anniversary, I invite you, Mr. Speaker, and all of our colleagues, to join me in offering congratulations to Hans Jeppesen, the president of Bay Health Systems, and all of the men and women of Bay Medical Center, and wishing them the very best for every continued success.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1997 BE DESIGNATED AS "FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY DAY"

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Florida International University [FIU] on its 25th anniversary. FIU opened on September 16, 1972, with 5,667 students, the largest first-day enrollment in American college history. FIU, the first public baccalaureate-granting university in Dade County, has grown to 30,000 students, placing it among the Nation's largest universities.

This outstanding learning institution offers more than 200 degree programs, has the largest Hispanic enrollment and second largest African-American enrollment of any public university in the State of Florida, has been cited by college guides as one of America's best educational values, and generates more than \$30 million in annual grants and contracts. It has become a national leader in environmental research, Latin American studies, tropical biology, hospitality management, and other fields.

FIU has an economic impact of more than \$1 billion on the south Florida economy and is the major supplier of university-trained employees for the region, awarding nearly 6,000 baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees annually.